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SUBJECT: BASIL RAJAPAKSA DISCUSSES INDIA TRIP,
PARAMILITARIES IN THE EAST

REF: NEW DELHI 2803

Classified By: Ambassador Robert O. Blake, Jr. for reasons 1.4 (b) and (d).

[1](#)1. (C) Summary: In a November 3 meeting with Ambassador, Presidential senior advisor Basil Rajapaksa agreed security remains a problem in eastern Sri Lanka. Security in the East

[2](#)2. (C) Ambassador opened by briefing Rajapaksa on the status of new AID programs in eastern Sri Lanka, noting that one of the centerpieces of the program is to

[3](#)3. (C) The Ambassador pressed Rajapaksa on the importance of demobilizing the TMVP, noting that the GSL has been promising action on this front. India

[4](#)4. (C) Turning to Rajapaksa's recent visit to Delhi to answer Indian anxieties about the situation in Sri Lanka, Ambassador asked Rajapaksa for his views on

[5](#)5. (C) On the humanitarian situation in the north, Rajapaksa said the Indians had expressed particular concern about civilian casualties from the conflict.

[6](#)6. (C) On political issues Rajapaksa said both sides had agreed on the need to "move toward" a peaceful, negotiated political settlement, but that the LTTE remains a problem. Indian High Commissioner Emphasizes Political Discussions

[7](#)7. (C) In a later meeting with Indian High Commissioner Prasad, Prasad confirmed to the Ambassador the information above, but said the Indians were not ready to

[8](#)8. (C) As reported earlier, Basil's visit to Delhi helped tamp down complaints from Tamil Nadu. Its longer term impact is less clear. The visit was a success. Blake